



To: Members of the Joint Appropriations Committee

From: Renny MacKay, Governor Mark Gordon's Policy Director

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Re: ARPA programs update

SF 66 - American rescue plan act recovery funds appropriations authorized several new programs and allocated funds to state agencies for grants or to use in accordance with the federal act and state law. In April, the majority of appropriated ARPA eligible funding was loaded into WOLFS 110 Legal Level within state agency budgets. However, some of the programs will take some time to stand up. Rulemaking is now underway as is research to administer the funds appropriately. Once completed agencies can bring up into WOLF'S the 120 Expenditure Budgets to begin the implementation of their programs.

Notably, the Office of State Lands and Investments issued draft rules for the American Rescue Plan Act Eligible Water & Sewer Project and Health Human Services Infrastructure are out and public comment closed on May 25th. The State Loan and Investment Board will vote on those rules on June 13. A table outlining all of the other programs is attached. That same table is available online at drivethrive.wyo.gov/arpa and will be updated as changes occur.

The State Budget Department and its contractor, Clifton, Larson, Allen (CLA), are providing ARPA interactive "Dashboards" updated monthly on the allocation of federal funds (Status of Funds), Budget to Actual (Expenditure Tracking), Expenditures by Vendor (Expenditure Amount By Public Vendor), the progression of the ARPA fund cash flow for best return on ARPA Fund investments and CLA's ARPA eligibility review documentation. The Dashboards begin with definitions, including tables for "Key Reporting Dates" and "Resource Links". The Dashboards will be living documents and updated for each phase of ARPA.

Referenced in Senate File 66 is the Capital Projects Fund, Section 604. This section of the federal act aims to ensure that all communities have access to the high-quality modern infrastructure, including broadband, needed to access critical services. Those services are defined as tele-health, tele-education and the ability to work remotely. Wyoming's share of this section is \$109 million. However those funds were not distributed to the states. We must apply and receive funding on a project basis. The first step for the states and tribes is to submit an application outlining our grant plan for those funds. This plan is an overview and only includes one specific program plan. Wyoming will make its submission on June 1st and a copy of the application will be provided. The breakdown is \$75 million for broadband infrastructure, \$25 million for multi-purpose community facilities, and \$9 million for digital connectivity programs. In accordance with the direction of the Legislature the Governor's Office did submit an application for the Central Wyoming College facility in Jackson under the multi-purpose community facility portion of the funds. We will now be waiting for a review and response from the US Treasury on our application.